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In re Application of :  
David P. Williams : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/475,563 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
Filed: December 30, 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No. RA-5281 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 15, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

This application became abandoned for failure to file a proper and timely reply to the final Office action mailed March 9, 2004, which set a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A three month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is September 10, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 18, 2004.

The petition satisfies the requirements for a grantable petition in that the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114; the petition fee of \$1,370; and an adequate statement of unintentional delay have been submitted. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of March 9, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2124 for processing the concurrently filed RCE and for appropriate action as the nature of the case requires.



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